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By ORDER OF CHARLES F. A. SANGSTER, Esq., Sheriff, under direction from the Registrar of the preme Court, by virtue of an Execu. .. n in the Supreme Court in the above-named Suit.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

versus MAHMED CHOY KHETSEY, sued

for and on behalf of all the Partners,

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, on

### SATURDAY,

the 26th April, 1879, at 2 p.m., at the residence of Messrs NURSEY KESSOWJEE & Co.,-

The whole of the HOUSEHOLD AND OFFICE FURNITURE, &c., Comprising :- Office Desks, Tables, Chairs, Copying Press, Shelves, and

Dining Table, Side-board, Crockery and Glassware, Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Chest of Drawers, Washstands, Toilet Tables, Mirrors, Pictures.

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Auctioneer. Hongkong, April 21, 1879.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

TO BE SOLD by PUBLIC AUC-TION, shortly, on a day to be hereafter named, unless previously disposed of by private contract,-

THE HONGKONG DISTILLERY, Situate at East Point, Hongkong, now 6th day of May next, for the purpose of in Complete Working Order, and Capable of Distilling upwards of 2,000 alterations in the Articles of Association of Gallons daily. The Property is of a most valuable nature, comprising THREE PIECES OF GROUND close to the manction of the Consulting Committee, in water, viz :- Inland Lots Nos. 749, 781 any years that the accounts of the Comand 782, with the Substantially Built pany shall render it desirable, may pay DWELLING HOUSE and Business Pre- losses wholly or in part out of the ercess of the Reserve Fund over and above MISES, erected specially for the purpose \$250,000, in order that contributing and only a few years since, together with the other Shareholders may not unnecessarily MACHINERY, ENGINES, STILLS, VATS, be deprived of Bonus and Dividend; such STOCK, and TRADE FURNITURE and Fir. changes to take effect from the 1st January,

TINGS. For further Particulars, apply to Messrs SHARP, TOLLER, and JOHNSON,

Solicitors, Supreme Court House, Hongkong.

Hongkong, March 5, 1879.

for sale.

FOR SALE. THUGENE RIMMEL'S TROPICAL FLOWER WATER.

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SUPERIOR TO ALL SIMILAR PREPARATIONS. VOGEL & Co., Sole Agents for China.

Hongkong, February 19, 1879.

FOR SALE, OKE.....\$7,50 per ton.

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West Point. Hongkong, april 16, 1879.

WASHING BOOKS, (In English and Chinese.) TATASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.-Price, \$1 each. CHINA MAIL Office.

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Circular, large sheet. HE AMENDED HONG LIST. in English and Chinese, containing the Names of all the most important Companies, Institutions Mercantile Houses in the Colony.

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Infimations.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 1879.

CALCUTTA SUN HATS and HELMETS in New Shapes. CHEISTY'S SUMMER STRAW and FELT HATS. ELLWOOD'S EXTRA LIGHT PATENT AIR CHAMBER HELMETS. FRENCH LIGHT SUMMER BOOTS & SHOES, CANVAS SHOES.

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LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, April 2, 1879.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHARIHOLDERS.

TOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of the Articles of the Association of the Company, and of the Companies' Ordinance 1865, an EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office, situate at No. 7, Queen's Road Hongkong, at 8 P.M. on TUESDAY, the passing a special Resolution making certain the Company to the following effect, viz :-

1. That the General Managers, with the

2. That the annual bonus payable to contributing Shareholders and the annual contribution to the reserve fund be left to the discretion of the General Managers and Consulting Committee, and that the sum to be annually appropriated to dividend be subject to the approval of the Company in Meeting.

NOTICE is hereby also given that a Second Extraordinary General MEETING of Shareholders will be held, at the same hour and place, on TUESDAY, the 20th day of May next, for the purpose of confirming auch special Resolution as sfore-

Dated the 12th day of April, 1879. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.\_..

PHOTHOGRAPHY.

POPPELBAUM begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he has taken over the BUSINESS of Mr H. SCHUREN-wellknown in Hongkong—and is prepared to take PHOTOGRAPHS daily from 8 m.m. till 1 p.m. Having previously been employed by MrSchüben, and hadlong experience in some of the most Celebrated Studios in EUROPE, he will take any Work in PHOTOGRAPHY, and is able to guarantee attisfaction to all who favour him with their Patronage. Photographs enlarged to life-size and finished in Artistic Style. Any Pictures not meeting with the approval of Patrons will not be charged for. PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIO,

Wyndham Street. Hongkong, April 21, 1879.

YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSO. GIATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Directors have declared an EXTRA DIVIDEND of FIVE PER CENT. on Shareholders Capital, psyable at the Office of the Secretaries, on the 28th Instant, to SHAREHOLDERS of Record on the Sist instant.

By Order of the Directors. RUSSELL & Co, Secretaries.

Shanghai, 18th April, 1579.

DENTAL NOTICE.

R. ROGERS will visit SHANGRAL during the Summer Months, leaving HONGRONG on the 1st of April next, and returning about 1st November. Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

ONGKONG ARTILLERY

VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERLY ROOM, 19th April, 1879. It is notified that the DRILLS at present in course will be Altered until further Orders to TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS, and not, as heretofore, viz., Tuesdays and THURSDAYS.

A. COXON, Captain-Commandant H. K. A. V.

NOTICE.

THE YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the Hongkong CLUB will take place, on WEDNESDAY, the 30th Instant, at 5 o'clock P.M. By Order,

EDWARD BEART, Secretary. Hongkong, April 22, 1879.

NOTICE.

GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

Have THIS DAY handed over charge of the Company's Station at this place, to Mr A. SUENSON. C. A. SCHULTZ,

Secretary, Acting Superintendent.

DEFERRING to the above, I beg to notify that I have THIS DAY again taken over charge of the Company's Office at this place.

A. SUENSON, Superintendent.

Hongkong, April 28, 1879.

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

N EIGHTH RETURN of CAPITAL at the Rate of TWO TABLE per SHARE, will be made to Shareholders of Record on the 8rd April, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on WED. NESDAY, the 9th April.

Warrants will then be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be ULOSED from the 8rd to the 9th

April, inclusive. By Order, RUSSILL & Co.,

Shanghai, April 1, 1879. G. FALCONER & Co.,

Liquidators.

WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, JEWELLERS,

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS. 48, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, April 21, 1879.

NOTICE.

TAROM the 1st of October, DR EASTLACKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50; QUEEN'S ROAD CENTELL, OVER the MEDICAL HALL

Hongkong, September 25, 1878,

intimations.

NOTIOE.

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THE Business of the Undersigned will in future be conducted under the Firm of SHARP AND DANBY.

SHARP & Co., Estate Agents and Valuators. WILLIAM DANBY, C. E., Architect and Surveyor. QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,

lately occupied by Mesers E. D. Sassoon, & Co. my17 Mail from Europe. Hongkong, April 17, 1879.

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS STORAGE.

OODS RECEIVED on STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision and VESSELS Discharged alongside the WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.

MEYER & Co., Proprietors,

Hongkong, November 29, 1878. my29

NY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or A PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point. Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

SAILOR'S HOME.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr WILLIAM SAUWAY in our Firm CEASED on the 1st Instant. Mr W. WILSON will Sign the Firm in Liquida-

> WILSON & SALWAY, Architects, &c.

TATITH Reference to the above, I have admitted Mr SOTHEBY GOD-FREY BIRD as a Partner; the Business will henceforward be continued under the Name of 'WILSON & BIRD.'

W. WILSON. Hongkong, April 7, 1879.

NOTICE. THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our

the 31st December last. Mr CHARLES VINCENT SMITH admitted a Partner from This Date.

Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on

RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

TAR. JAMES ANDERSON, formerly Manager of the FOOCHOW DOCKS, has this Day been admitted a Partner in

on Firm. J. INGLIS & Co., Victoria Foundry, Wanchai. Hongkong, April 1, 1879.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT.) The Steamer ROWIN, Master, will be despatched as above on FRI-

DAY Next, the 25th Instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co. Hongkong, April 21, 1879.

FOR MANILA. The Steamship "ESMERALDA," Capt. Cullen, will be de-spatched for the above Port

on FRIDAY, the 25th Inst., at Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, April 23, 1879.

FOR MANILA. The Steamship "DIAMANTE." Capt. THEBAUD, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 26th Inst., at Noon. For Breight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, April 23, 1879. FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship "DOUGLAS," Capt. Yound, [ will be deon SATURDAY, the 28th Inst., at Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to .. DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Honghong, April 23, 1879.

shipping.

Steamers.

NOTICE. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS. The Company's Steamship Commandant ROLLIND, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French

MARITIMES.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Hongkong, April 22, 1879.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS. The Company's Steamship "IRAOUADDY." Commandant GAUVAIN, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe. G, DE CHAMPEAUX,

Hongkong, April 22, 1879.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR VIOTORIA (VANCOUVER'S

ISLAND).

The A 1 American Bark THOS. FLETCHER," Capt. Pendleton, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, March 29, 1879.

For Freight, apply to

FOR HONOLULU. The A 1 American Ship "REPUBLIC,"

for the above Port, and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to:

Capt. HOLMES, will load here

RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, April 1, 1879. myl

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A 1 British Ship "ONEIDA." Captain CLYMA, will load here for the above Port, and will

have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, April 17, 1879. FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Ship

"HAZE,

"EMILIO V."

Evans, Master. For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Cc.

Hongkong, April 16, 1879. FOR MANILA. The A 1 Italian Bark

MERELLO, Master. For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A 1 American Ship "EDITH," Manson, Master. For Freight, apply to

Hongkong, April 16, 1879.

VOGEL & Co. Hongkong, March 28, 1879.

FOR LONDON. The A 1 American Ship "PRIMA DONNA," LUNT, Master. For Freight, apply to

Hongkong, March 28, 1879.

VOGEL & Co.



VOGEL & Co. Bonghong, February 26, 1879.

FOR LONDON. The A 1 British Bark "STRACATHRO," MILLAR, Master.

VOGEL & Ct.

For Freight, apply to

Hongkong, February 18, 1879.

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Ching Dynasty" "Hien Fung? Perlod. Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.

Notes and Queries :-A Few Petty Additions to Dr Douglas' Dictionary. Trouts in Uhina, Ancient Vases. Inheritance.

Greeting the Spring. Adoption. The Term Kwai. Mongol and Yuan-pao. Leasehold Usage, Chinese Coins.

Coronation of the King of Loochoo. The Ouigur Alphabet. Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c. China Mail Office, Hongkong, March 21, 1879.

notices to consignees.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

ONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship OCEANIO, from San Francisco, &c., are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature here, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer will be landed and stored at Consigness'

risk and expense. H. M. BLANCHARD, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, April 21, 1879. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. MONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at

their risk and expense. No Five Insurance has been effected. G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Ex "Yangtsze." -H L c/o Mr A. Marty, No. 1, 1 case

Arms, from Marseilles. Ex "Anadyr." Lieut, Joubert, Hanoi, 2 cases Wax, from

Ex "Peiho." AME (in diamond) Nos. 3, Order, 1 case HL3..... Cotton, from L' den.

SP Order, 22 bags Stones, from Madras. Ex "Sindh." MF 0 20 boxes Tobacco, from London.

K J (in dismond) (No. 105, Order, 1 case PU ..... Linen, from London. Hongkong, April 24, 1879.

## 8 Not Responsible for Debts.

Moither the Captain, the Agente, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the tollowing Vessels, during their slay in Hongkong Harbour:-

GOLDEN FLEECE, British barque, Capt. James Wiltshire. -Gilman & Co. ONEIDA, British ship, Captain S. Clyma. -Gibb, Livingston & Co.

Taiwan, German barque, Captain C. Jessen - Arnhold, Karberg & Co. QUEEN OF INDIA, British barque, Capt, R. H. Cary. - Adamson, Bell & Co.

FLEUBS CASTLE, British steamer, Capt. Kidder.—Adamson, Bell & Co. ALEXA, British barque, Captain George Robb. Jardine, Matheson & Co.

PARALOS, French barque, Captain T. Pasco. - Carlowitz & Co. Annie: W. Weston, American barque,

Captain H. O. Winsor, -Order. VESUVIUS, American barque, Captain F. W. Cali. - Urder.

# To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

THE Hon. C. MAY having been compelled by serious illness to leave for Excland, the Undersigned, his Attornes, will Pay and Receive all Accounts due by or to Him.

LINSTEAD & Co. Hongkong, April 24, 1879.

TO LET-AT WANCHAL

TIRST.CLASS GODOWNS. For further Particulars, apply to

SIEMSSEN & Co. Hongkong, April 24, 1879.

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(WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.)

1708. 10 & 12, Lyndhurst Terrice, at present occupied by Masara Nuz-DEX KESSOWIEE & Co. Apply to

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#### SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS, April 23, Killarney, British steamer,

1060, Henry O'Neill, Saigon April 20, Rice. -GIBB. LIVINGSTON & Co. April 24, Hoi Chong Ching, Chinese gunboat, from Canton.

April 24, Cilurnum, British ship, 1884, H. Beadle, put back with loss of fore topmast, main top-gallant-mast and jibboom, and other damage, General. - WIELER &

April 24, Esmeralda, British steamer, 395, Cullen, Amoy April 23, General -Russell

DEPARTURES.

Apr. 24, Washi, for Halphong. 24, Friedrich Perthes, for Whampoa. 24. Loudoun Cartle, for Hankow. 24, Chinkiang, for Shanghal.

Antenor, for Shanghai. Thomas Fletcher, for Victoria (V.'s 1.) Me-li, for Hoihow and Haiphong. Yottung, for Swatow. . Cassandri, for Saigon.

> PASSENGERS. ARRIVED.

Per Killarney, from Saigon, 20 Chinese. Per Cilurnum, 20 Chinese. Per Esmeraldo, from Amoy, 300 Chinese. DEPARTED.

Per Loudoun Castle, Major Rooke, R.A., to Singapore via Hankow. Per Washi, for Halphong, 7 Chinese.

TO DEPART. Per Medi, for Hoihow, &c., 40 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Killarney reports Last two days strong N.E. wind and heavy

The British steamer Esmeralda reports: Left\_Amoy on the 23rd inst.; had light variable winds and fine weather through-Passed H.M.S. Iron Duke off Cork's Point, and H.M.S. Magpie and Frolio off Cupohi Point.

### POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close :--

For AMOY AND SHANGHAI .-Per Antenor, at 11.80 a.m. To-morrow, the 25th inst.

For MANILA.-Per Esmeralda, at 11, 30 a.m., on Friday, the 25th inst.

For BANGKOK .-Per Rajanattianuhar, at 8.30 p.m., on

Friday, 25th inst. For MANILA,-Per Diamante, at 11.80 a.m., on Satur-

day, the 26th inst. Per Crusader, at 0.30 p.m., on Saturday,

the 26th inst. For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHOW .-Per Douglas, at 11,30 a.m., on Saturday,

the 26th inst. For SAIGON .--Per Killarney, at 4.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 30th inst.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET .-

The French Contract Packet Peiho will be despatched on TUESDAY, the through the United Kingdom and Europe, vid Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ocylon, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Sues, and Alexandria.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET. The United States Mail Packet Oceanic will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 3rd May, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows --

2.15 P. M. Registry of Letters ceases. 2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay

can no longer be sent by this route. Hongkong, April 21, 1879.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET. The British Contract Packet Nisam. will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 6th May, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe vid Brindisi or Southampton; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmab, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

nor for Mauritius.

HOURS OF CLOSING THE CONTRACT MALLS.

The following hours are observed in closing Mails, do., by both the British and French Centract Packets :-

Day before departure,-5 P. M. - Money Order Office closes | Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night,

Day of departure,-A.M. Post Office opens, 10 4.M. Registry of Letters esases Posting of all printed matter and

patterns coases. 11 A. K .- Mails closed, except for Late

11.10 A.M. Letters may be posted with .. Late Fee of 18 cents until 11.30 A.M. when the Post Office Close entirely.

11.40 A.M. - Late Letters may be bosted on loard the packet with Late Fee of 18 cents until time of departure.

RELICA: POS PO-MORROW Shipping.

Crusader leaves for Manila. Moon - Remercide leaves for Manile, General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, April 26:-Noon, -Diamante leaves for Manila. Noon. - Douglas leaves for Coast Ports. 2 p.m.-Sale of Household and Office Furniture, &c., at Messrs Nursey Kessowjee & Co.

TURBDAY, April 29 :--Noon .- French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe. WEDNESDAY, April 30:-

5 p.m.-Meeting of the Members of the Hongkong Club. SATURDAY, May 3:--

3 p.m. - Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco. 9 p.m. - Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

TUESDAY, May 6:-Noon. - English Mail leaves for Ports of the mercantile community. of Call and Europe. 3 p.m .- Extraordinary Meeting of the Hongkong-Fire Insurance Company

TUESDAY, May 20:-3 p.m.—Confirmatory Meeting of Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.

WEDNESDAY, May 28:-Dividend of 5 % on Shares of Yangtsze Insurance Association, payable at the office of Russell & Co.

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The Manufactory is under direct and continuous European Supervision. Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

The publication of this issue commenced a 8.00 p.m.

# THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGHONG, THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 1879.

In view of the local discussion which will probably follow the re-opening up of the Blockade Question in the Legislative Council here, it will be well for those interested to know something of the line which it is reported has been sketched out by the present Governor. We have expressed a hope, in a previous article, that Mr Pope Hennessy is sounder on 29th Instant, with Mails to and this question than Sir Thomas Wade has ever been. If, as we verily believe, the welfare of the Colony absorbs a great part of the Governor's attention and energies, there is every reason that he should grapple this difficulty con amore. His known tendency to favour Chinese in most things ought materially to strengthen his influence in a matter where he must in a sense deal directly with Chinese officials or their specia opinions. To Mr Hennessy the community must now look for redress; and in any action that he may see fit to take towards regaining the fullest freedom of the port, it ought to be remembered that the advantage to accrue therefrom will fall equally upon respectable native merchants and the foreign mercantile community at large.

The smuggling, which furnishes the principal ground or pretext for the existence of the objectionable Customs stations at the doors of the Hongkong Harbour, is carried on in two articlessalt and opium. If, therefore, concessions can be made which will not interfere with the freedom of legitimate trade here, they must be made in this direction, viz., preventing so far as practicable the illegitimate traffic in these commodities. Now, so far as can be at present made out, any reasonable restrictions on the N.B. This Packet carries no mails for the export of salt from this Colony would Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, not materially affect the freedom of the native junk trade, as it is generally the Chinese product that is used on the mainland, and Hongkong is not a producing port, Were, therefore, the Exeontive here to introduce certain rules which would favour the Chinese authorities regarding their Salt Monopoly, and at the same time leave all honest trade untouched, there would, it seems to us, be no violence done to the interests of this Coony. Again, if some planwere hit upon which would altogether remove or at least minimize the evils of opium smuggling from our shores, this would go far to out the ground from the hostile position now assumed by the Chinese fiscal authorities, and place this Government in a most favourable attitade to demand in return the withdrawal of all stations and revenue cruisers from the vicinity of the Island: It must, of course, be borne in mind that all such concessions must be made "without prejudice" (as the lawyers say) and more on the score of internatiotial bourtesy than that of right, But at the same time it might so happen that any restrictions which may be placed upon all exportation of opium in quantities less than one chest, except

than one chest (i. e., loose balls) were given to the Opium Farmer only, and no one were permitted to export loose for, the smuggling which admittedly thereby be avoided. goes on-the fault, it need not be denied, of high duties and venal native officials, and which it is the business of the Chinese to prevent-would be a most entirely done away with, great difficulty presented by proposed measures would be now to carry them out without interfering unduly with the freedom of all honest trade in the Colony; and if Mr Hennessy succeeds in accomplishing this task, he will undoubtedly deserve the thanks

THE plain unvarnished tale as to Bur man affairs, which we give in another column, is of considerable value as put ground; ting the whole question plainly and succinotly before our readers. We have not been able up to the present time to give in these columns so connected and trustworthy narrative as we could have it been easy to understand precisely what the present state of things really is. these points now, however, it is possible to come to a fair appreciation of the truth, and this it is the more desirable to do, seeing that a drama is to all appearance about to be played there which will be of an exciting nature, and which we cannot but feel great interest. The question is, -. Are we to go to war with Upper Burmah, or are our troops there now simply to protect British subjects and to give force to our remonhave been carried out there recently by ones in this warm weather. the bloodthirsty King, and our protest against their repetition? The reply is that, neither of these defines exactly the position of the English at the present moment. We have taken the fullest means in our power to defend British Burmah, and we stand there now waiting for Upper Burmah to take the initiative, to first put her foot upon the warpath. The situation shows again how history repeats itself:

The Earl of Chatham with his sword drawn. Stood waiting for Sir Richard Strachan; Sir Richard, anxious to be at 'em, Stood waiting for the Earl of Chatham,

It is stated by Reuter that the Burmans are eager for war, and if the British do not attack they will march on the British; and that, which is the latest news to hand, came a few days after and must be taken to nullify the London advices, manifestly official, that all was quiet. The statement as to an envoy from the King having passed through Rangoon en route to Lahore is etmyo shows war preparations on the King's part. We wait patiently the first move, which everything seems to show will not be now much longer delayed. The promise made when our troops first landed that all would be reformed and every concession made would appear to have been a ruse only to gain time to prepare himself more fully to meet the English. But it is not to be regretted that things are as they stand. The question of the justifiableness of the two wars in which we are now engaged, has been so hotly debated, and there are so many humanitarian quacks at home. who delight in championing the poor savage whoever he be, that it may prove a wise step to let Burmah strike the first blow. That done, it is satisfactory to know that we are well able to hold our own with that power should war break out, and making the contest brief and decisive, would be able to put an immediate end to a brutal rule of dranken, debauched, half-mad despot, whose reign, though- short, has already been stained with the most bloody and shameful acts.

# LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The American Mails of San Francisco date March 6th, are now long over-due by the P. M. steamer Alaska, which would probably leave Honolulu on the 7th April. The next Australian Mail may be expected here on Sunday next, the 27th inst., by the

E. and A. mail steamer Normanby. The next FRENCH and Australian March (via Galle); may be expected here on May let, by the M. M. steamer Irranuaddy.

THE M. M. steamer Iraquaddy, with the

outward. French mails, left Singapore for

this port, via Salgon, this (Thursday) We understand that Mr José Loureiro, formerly Portu uese Consul at Nagaraki, has been appointed Portuguese Consul-

General at Hongkong, with a salary of \$3,000 per annum. The men-of war in port are getting fewer and lewer every day. The Iron Duki has gone North and will not return probably for six or seven months; the Vigilant 1 ft yesterday for Foochow; the Frolis for Tlentsin, and the Maggie for Shanghai. The latter viscel will, we believe, be sgain

A Suscentive asts all whether Liwor D'Aguilar Street in supposed by the Police to be a public market for vegetables, fruit, upon special representation, might fall in most naturally with the efforts now conges and sugar-cane. He requested a

amployed in surveying.

being made to protect the Hongkong | Policeman to ask these hawkers to " move | a sum of \$250 was raised from amongst monopoly of the drug. If the privilege on," and was informed that he had no the congregation. The correspondence beof exporting a quantity of opium less instructions. It would probably be as well tween the Trustees and the Government if Captain Deane reminded these squatters with regard to this was then read. In that Upper D'Aguilar Street is their proper | reply to a seat-holder, it was explained balls except in special cases provided place; and a nuisance to foreigners would that the \$250 had not yet been raised, but

> Now that the site of the Old Civil Hospital, this year been successful in obtaining a Hollywood Road, is nearly cleared of the ruine, the question arises, -What is the Government going to do? Are they going to allow Chinese houses to be built there, or are they to purchase the site with a view to enlarging the gaol? It would be a pity If anything is to be done by Government | the year ending April of \$2632,66, of which nity and allow building to be begun before have begun every stone laid will increase McEwen and Mr Gibb were nominated by the price they will have to pay for the Mr Sharp, seconded by Mr Ede, and

For the special benefit of paterfamilias we Eastlack seconded, that Mr Henry Smith may note that the Fountain in the Public of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, be re-Gardens has not been placed there for elected auditor. Carried. In connection with wished as to how the present state of drinking purposes. Amabs unfortunately the accounts it was stated that some \$28. affairs has been brought about, nor has are not well versed in physiology, or even less than would have to be spent in twelve in common sense; and as we have heard of months in keeping a piano in order, had been several well-authenticated cases where chil- expended on the organ, a result in saving dren have been allowed to slake their thirst | that could never have been effected but for from the Fountain, it becomes a public duty | the energy and ability of Mr Sangster, who to draw attention to the matter. The water spared neither time nor hard work in keeping in the Fountain is very pretty to look at, everything in order. There was no other and the little tad-poles are beautiful to be- business before the meeting of scat-holders. hold as they dart through it; but it would The trustees met afterwards to dispose of require a very strong dash of spirits to make | other business. it anything but positively unsafe to drink. Servants ought to be provided with water strances against the inhumanities that in a "pocket-platel" to supply the little

> THE cups presented to the members of the police force for the competition in a rifl match, were to-day handed to the fortunate winners by the donor. The match between the Inspectors and Sergeants came off yesterday, when Inspector Cameron scored 56; but as he won a cup a short ago, he wa disqualified, and the prize therefore fell to Sergeant Quincey, who made the next best score of 58 points. The winners of the cups are therefore :

Trooper McDongal, the Constables' cup. Inspector Cameron, the All Comers' Cup with Martini-Henry rifles, and Hergeant Quincey, the Inspectors' and Sergeants' cup.

THE British ship Cilumum, Capt. Beadle, put back here to-day with loss of fore topmast, main topgallant mast, and jibboom, besides having sustained other damages o also contradicted. Again, quite recently, a minor nature. She left this on the 9th as late as the middle of March, there was instant bound to San Francisco, with a genews of more massacres, a fact to which | neval cargo and twenty Chinese passengers. sufficient weight has not been given, and Moderate winds were experienced until the every succeeding information from Thai- 20th instant, and at 11 a. m. of that day light baffling winds all round the compass were met with. At noon, in lat 21.50 N. and long. 120.40, the wind freshened rapidly from the N. E. and by 1 p.m. was blowing a strong gale, a heavy sea rising; whilst shortening sail the foretopmsst staysail and inner jib split. At 4 p.m. the gale had increased to burricane force, the wind then being E. N. E. The weather was quite clear overhead, but there was a haze on the horizon between N & E. The vessel was head reaching under three lower topsails and foresail. At 5 p.m. the gale was still blowing violently with a very heavy sea running and the foresail was then handed. 8.30 p.m. the mizen topsail blew away and about the same time the jibboom went. At midnight the gale contlaved to blow with frequent heavy gusts, and at 4 a.m. on Monday the 21st the fore-topmast carried away and in its descent stove in one of the boats. All the yards forward were broken except the fore yard, and the main topgellantmast was also carried away. The ship was labouring heavily the whole time, and the vessel was put before the wind and the hands employed clearing away wreckege. At noon the gale moderated, and it was then decided to return to Hongkong to repair; reaching the

> THE annual meeting of the seat-holders of St. John's Cathedral was held this afternoon at 4.30 in the Vestry. The Colonial Chaplain, Rev. R. H. Kidd, presided, and there were present the Hon. H. Lowcock, Mr E. Sharp, Mr A. Lister, Mr. N. J. Ede, and Dr. Eastlack. Mr Sharp laid upon the table the accounts for the year, which had been audited by Mr H. Smith, the auditor specially appointed for the seat holders, but had not been before the auditor representing the Government, the Hon. C. May, owing to his having to leave for England the other day in bad health. Any question as to the accounts he would be most happy to answer. The accounts were, at his request, handed over for the perusal of a seat-holder (Mr Ede), but he had no questions to ask regarding them. Mr Sharp drew attention to gineers, 2957 (2993); foreman of the yard one item, a grant of 6000 from the Government towards the somewhat expensive repairs that had lately been effected. Lister pointed out that this was given on the distinct understanding that [ 2000 (£900) | clerks, with allowances, £1,390

Ly-ee-moon at 8 p.m. last night.

there was no doubt it could be easily got in. Mr Sharp further stated that he had special grant from the Military Authorities. They had proviously taken only three seats, but had now taken several more. Mr Lowcock proposed, and Mr Ede seconded, the adoption of the accounts, which were passed. The accounts showed an income for that they should miss the present opportu- a balance was left in hand of \$102.21. The next business was, the election of two they do anything, because once operations | trustees to represent the seat-holders. Mr elected, no other name being brought forward. Mr Lowcock proposed, and Dr

> Yung Wun, sged 60, who was up at the Police Court the other day, is, says a 'Frisco contemporary, set down as the oldest Yung Wun on record,

JOHN RUSSELL YOUNG, who is now travelling as the Herald's correspondent with General Grant, will, after his return, say the Transpacific journals, start a "stalwart" Republican paper in Philadelphia.

THE telegraph news from New York a day or two before the last mail left San Francisco contained a rumor that the President and Mr Evarts are negotiating such a change in the Burlingame Treaty as will satisfy the "enlightened" people of the country, but not the Californians.

WirH regard to the next election and Gen. Grant's chances therein, it may be worth while mentioning that a writer in the Atlantic on "Presidential Electioneering in the Senate," says that "Mr Hayes' term is regarded by the leading politicians as a sort of interregnum, during which all that it is necessary for statesmen to do is to be preparing for the successor."

THE Bombay representative of the P. & O. Oo. writes to the papers to say that the paragraph which has just been going the rounds, and which appeared in our columns at the time, announcing the adoption of sleeping cars to be attached to the mail trains between Brindisi and Calais, although there is every reason to hope it will be ultimately realised, is a little premature. The Directors of the P. & O. Co. have, he says, " made great efforts to get the railway companies to make this very desirable concession, and have been successful, it is believed, as far as two of them are concerned. One of them, however, still holds out, and there is consequently a hitch in the negociations, which will no doubt ultimately be got over, but which for the present postpones the opening of the service."

GENERAL Grant seems to have been disappointed in not finding the U. S. S. Richmond waiting him at Singapore on his return from Bangkok, and to have, therefore, gone back on the arrangement which was in his mind two days age to skip Saigon and come straight on to Hongkong. The "good authority" on which we stated that he was to do so, was a telegram from the General himself, received here by those with whom he has all along been in communication as to his movements, and conveyed to us for the information of the public on Wednesday afternoon. We now learn that Mr Pops Hennessy, on the same afternoon, received a telegram from General Grant, stating that he was leaving by the French Mail steamer that afternoon. Our morning contemporary may be excused for being shead for once-only he need not grow so lustily over it.

THE following are the votes for Hongkong from the Navy Estimates for the year 879-80; the figures in parentheses give the votes for 1878-79.

Dockyard.-Naval officer in charge of establishments, 2841 (2841); retinus of naval officer in charge of establishments, £278 (£278); staff commander acting as master attendant, £737 (£755); inspector of machinery sfloat, £803 (£803); three enin charge, \$800 (£600); carpenter, £177 (£177); boatswain, £260 (£837); chaplain, 2374 (£374) surgeon of H.M. ship Victor Emanuel for additional duties in attending the dockyard men and their families, 246 (£46); paymeter, £842 (£842); accountant,

£28,362 (£27,166.)

artificers and labourers, £973 (£946). Hospital.—Deputy inspector-general of their attack. hospita s, £807 (£805); two surgeons £701 (£700); clerk, £401 (£391); dispenser, £283 (£288); rent, &c., £2 (£2); gas, £120 (£80); allowances in hen of stationery, £15 (£15); funerals, boat-hire, washing, and other small expenses, £150 (£135); wages, £1,282(£1,302); total for the establishment, £3,761 (£3,863.)

New Works Buildings, &c. Completion of sea-wall, £500; foundations for machinery, £100; minor works, under £500 each viz.—extension of boiler-shed, £450; taking down and re-erecting pattern-shed, &c, £60; shed for testing cables, £110; veranda on south side of factory, £30; renewal of part of floor of old rigging-shed, dro., £70: new quarters for storeman, Kowloon, £400; machinery, £752; total, £3,212.

Works, Repairs, &c, at Hospital .- Lightning conductors, £30; fixing boiler and hot-waterapparatus, £50; renewal of water supply, £250; repairs and maintenance of buildings, £600.

There is also a vote of £237 (£237) for wages of master-at-arms and three ships' corporals at the naval prison at Hongkong.

To show the intensity of feeling in Calibeing vetoed, the New York World of the 5th ironically announces :- "Up to the hour of going to press there was no official announcement of the Secession of California." That announcement, rejoins a San Francisco paper, will never be made, Dennis Kearney and the Stock Report to the contrary, notwithstanding. The fact, though, that any body, however insignificant, . was so silly as to talk about Secession, enabled the World and Tribune and their ... coadjuters to more easily work up Eastern sentiment against California. But the for its own future delectation a very large dish of grow. California will make her fight within the Union, and will win it definitely pledged on the Chinese question, and the World will have to support him. World in its mind when it said of the veto; "But it does not sattle it, it only postpones the actilement of the question at issue. That question will have to be a main one In the Presidential and Congressional con test in 1880, and Demograts should be carealleged Democratic newspapers, which overfl. w with a gush of abstractions, but are dry at the source of common sense." publican has this " A massacre of Chinamen in California would no more be punished than a massacre of Indians in Colorado or Dakota, or a massacre of negrees in Louisians; and, indeed, it is not a violent suggestion that an attempt by the Federa Government to interfere in California for the protection of the Chinese would provoke a revolution involving the attempted with drawal of the Pacific States from the Uni-

on." This the Alta calls "editorial bosh."

ONE of the most daring robberies that have

ever taken place in Shanghai occurred the other night, and is noteworthy as resem- tive out of what he has seen and heard, bling somewhat what we have come to be accustomal to here. On the morning of the 16th i. st between midnight and one o'clock | anything like the same route or part of it in the morning, No 437 in the Canton Road was entered by a gang of armed thieves who collected and carried off some \$1,400 or \$1,500 with of property, made up of 55 \$200 in money, to get at which they had to break open several boxes. The owner and his family had gone to a "sing-song," leaving a watchman and some servants in charge of the premises. These say that at about twelve o'clock at night there came a kuock at the gate, and thinking it was their master returned, they at once opened it, when several men rushed in, and exploding something three or four times, the reports sounding very like those of a revolver, but were alterwards found to have been proalarm given by the firing of some of the Burmah. in the house decamped. The servants then | tion of things. The late King.

THE Paris Economiste Francaise, of a recent date, gives statistics showing the actual differences in distance and time between voyages from the English Channel to Pacific and Chinese perts, and from New York to the same points. The advantages are in favor of the latter, being to San Francisco, Callao, Valaparaiso, Sandwich Islands, only four and a half days, or from three and a half to four and three quarters per cent., and eight and a half days, or seven per cent, to Shanghai, If an Isthmus Canal be opened the difference in sailing vessels would be 24 days, or from 83 to 51 per cent, from New York to the four places named, and 221 days, or 28 per cent, to £440; repairs and maintenance of buildings, Shanghai. The average gain to New York vessels would be 2000 miles, or 19 days over English and French competitors. tention is then called to the increased use of steamers since the opening of the Suez Canal. The same result would follow by the isthmus route. The difference then in favor of New York for steamers, which is now very small, amounting to only one day, or from 12 to 3 per cent., would, with the canal, be, to San Francisco, 12 out of 29 days, or 41 per cent ; Calloa, 12 out of 11, or 57 per cent.; Valpara so, 12 out of fornia consequent on the Anti-Chinese bill | 27, r 44 per cent. to the Sandwich Islands, 12 out of 35, or 34 per cent. -in advantage of 44 per cent. on the average for New York, simply doubling the commercial advantages to the United States with the

#### "HOMEWARD."

We have received a copy of "Home-

ward; or, Travels in the Holy Land, China, India, Egypt, and lurope," by the Rev. J. M. W. Farnham, M.A. - (Shanghai Kelly & Walsh; Lendon: Trübner & Co.) World is making a mistake. It is preparing The author is an American Missionary resident in China for a lany years, who in 1873, went home by way of Europe to his In 1880, the Democratic candidate for the native land for rest and invigoration. The Presidency, whoever he may be, will be book now offered to the public is made up from his notes of the journey, which were The Rochester Urion, doubtless, had the at the time published in the North China Herald, New York Observer, Morning Star and other newspapers. Besides giving his own experiences the author has "crammed" extensively, and admits, or rather says ful not to be led to the wrong side of it by | with pride, that he "has availed himself of every aid within his reach, often adopting the language without deeming it necessary very full and very readable compendium of all particulars the traveller would care to know, (with missionary statistics and personal matters not so interesting added most liberally) as to every place passed by or through, on the long journey from Shanghat to New York-by Hougkong, Singapore, Ceylon, Suez, Cairo, Alexandria, Jerusalem, Be hichem, Naples, Rome, Florence, Bologna, Turin, Mount Cenis, Geneva, Busle, Strasburg and Mayence, the Rhine, Paris, London, Newcastle-on-Tyne, the Lakes, Ireland and Scotland; and then from Glasgow to New York. The author is observant, and makes a pleasant narra and altogether, without being brilliant, the book is eminently readable, and caunot but be extremely useful to any one going by The illu trations are a feature of the book. The drawings are, or many of them, "by a pupit who has had only such imperfect instruction as the author was able to give, and some of them are remarkably good. Most of them have been considerably spoil balls of opium and other valuables, and ed, some of them appearing as complete an u lges, through the bad work of inexperisuced workmen in printing. The work is printed at the Clinese Child's Paper, Shangbai, and certainly cannot be very highly praised. The remarkably handsome over in which it appears makes the fault we have just mentioned the more apparent.

AFFAIRS IN UPPER BURMAH A very great apparent discrepancy exists between the different items of news about duced by the explosion of small charges of the position of affairs in Burmah which gunpowder wrapped in paper, proceeded at reach us by different routes; and it is only once to sets of violence by knocking the partially removed on due investigation into watchman down and covering his face with | the internal evidence they afford of the one a mosquito net, a part of which they cram. having crossed or forestalled the other. med into his mouth. They then shut the Papers are before us from all quartersdoor, and the other servants hiding them. official documents, London and local special selves, they then set about "improving their correspondents' letters, solemn editorial opportunity." Ten or a dozen men were articles from many sources, and highly engaged ransacking the house, and about sensational war news-which enable as to as many more are now known to have give to-day what has not before appeared been posted as sentries in and around the in our columns, a connected narrative adjacent parts of the Foochow and Canton of the past, and an idea as to the probroads; and it was only in obedience to an able future of the country of Upper And first as to what has paper bombs before named that the thieves brought about the present condiwent to the Central Police Station and gave Burmab's desire as to a successor was the plarm. Two native detectives were that either Nyoung Yan, or Theebaw despatched in pursuit, and next morning should succeed him. The ministers, it is came up with the thieves who were making said, mostly inclined to see the elder son off in their boat, and had already got two on the throne, but he was already a man miles beyond Jessfield before they were very much "wived" and by that he lost overtaken. The detectives managed to stop the throne. For Theebaw was yet an the bost on atten pring to board which one eligible party, and therefore had the of them was knocked on the head with a support of the Downger head Queen, bindgeon and tumbled into the water, be. who had two daughters whom she wanted sides receiving a severe wound, while the to become Queens. She won over to her father's dethroned predecessor as i brother other was shot as with a revolver. The side, Kenwoon Mengyee, the Chief Minboat was then run ashore, and the thieves lister, who has been several times to lingattempted to get to land and ran away; in land, and is supposed to know some-Which all but one and the boatman succeed. thing of the advantages and dangers too, we think, what our object is in keep- as he is bloodthirsty. I have known him ed. These two were captured with the help of having too. little or too much to ing our Political officers, Messrs Shaw, St. to kill fifty women and children to feed or some people of the neighbourhood, and do with that Power. He, and one are now analy lodged in the cells at the or two of his conferes, represented to Central Police Station. In the boat were the other minuters that their only to tempt the burmese to give us a dusts a scratch on one of his warriors' backs when found 80 large and 17 small balls of opium, safety was in being manimous, as belli ! The bloodthirsty, capricious cha- they return home, he is put to death, as 11 packages of optum, 84 pieces of optum England would only make a disputed racter of the young ruffian on the throne Cetewaye thinks he must have turned from (balls on in pieces), two opitin pipes, one succession a pretext for annexing the coun- is well known, and he has only to give the the enemy and have thus received the brass water pipe, one chor per, some powder, try. This was the only way of securing to signal, and the Residency with all its in- wound, . . . Advocate, for God's sake, shot and balls, an opium box, and six bags, themselves the continuance of their Court mates, diards and all, would be swept that three light cavalry regiments be sent the theres were also seen to throw some. patronage; but of course that was with away; Hitherto the dread entertained by out here to harass the Zulus; only that thing his the clerk, and on Mesers Stri- them a secondary matter. While the old his Ministers of our power has gord to tavalry will do I heavy no good pling and howler afterwards proceeding to thing was yet alive, even when, under the prevented the estastrophe; but who can . . . The War Office is horribly to the piece and searching, they habou up mild milk-and-arrow-root diet prescribed to say that in some mad drunken mood Thee- blame in this matter. They sent out a nearly all the money that had been stolen, him by his European physician, he was re- bay will not give the signal for the slaugh- splendid force to Alghan, the tribes not the feelpha's opinion in that this affair is covering won his complaint, dysonters, his ter of every white person in his capital, being nearly on resolute as the Zulus, and

(£1,281); writer, £242 (£230); temporary | not to be regarded in the same light as a sons were, by the use of his name, That the old European and Eurasian | we are passed over with a few hundreds. | contempt. tionery, 164 (£52); various small expenses, simply the act of a gang of wandering confined. As His Majesty went on persist of the Government with which they have that most dangerous of weapons, their £60(£60);contingencies, £124(£112); wages thieves, who, if they happen to escape now, ently recovering, his Ministers, it is said, had dealings for many years,—have left assegal, you may imagine what we have to of £341 (£310), shipwrights, artificers, labour- will take care to give Shanghai a wide both not being sure how he might like the liberers, &c., £13,327 (£11,957); wages for yard in future. The thieves are believed to be ties they had been taking with his sons, and service affeat, £616 (£710); wages and all Shantung men, old thieves and strangers having some idea how he would express clothing of the police employed in the yard, here, and on their arrival in these Settle- his feelings if hedisapproved of their action. £3,060 (£3,060); total for Hongkong yard, ments, they must have made the acquaint- plied the royal patient with heavy doses of ance of some resident thieves who "apotted" chlorodyne, which had the effect of putting Victualing Yard. - Wages of 24 (24) the house for them, and so enabled them all | him into that long sleep which knows no | the Shan Chief of Theinnee, refused to the more easily to ensure the success of waking. The Nyoung Yan and his younger brother, as well as one or two other princes, were invited to be present at their royal father's death-bed, but, having suspicions | several Shan chiefs or Tsabwais who went of foul play, or being warned in time, fled into the Palace in Mandalay to see as we all know. Theebaw was preclaimed | King or tra-sact some business were seized King, and, allowing the ministers to govern and confined. It is thought that this the kingdom, launched out into a career of will have the effect of arraying all the sensual enjoyment. The ministers began tributary chiefs against King The w to lose their head, and to frame rules and | causing disturbances in which there terrenregulations which curtailed the prerogatives | tion will be necessary. of the Crown and lowered its dignity. No one was supposed to speak to the young King or answer his questions on matters connected with the State without the express sancti - of the Council. At last in an unlucky me ent they began to meddle with the religion of the people, and dared to abruptly reduce the number of the Priesthood,-Pongees who sponged the former King to the rate of a lakh of rupees a month. The Pongees there are powerful, and they used power with all the intensity could command. The head of the clergy is said to have roused the apathétic Ruler to a sense of his insignificated in the hands of those ministers, rousing his indignant passion then so high that the cure was worse by far than the disease. might have settled down to be a fair attempt at constitutionalism collapsed. meeting of that Ministerial Council which was to be the principal instrument of reform under the new Constitution, King Theebaw, stimulated by the spalace party, suddenly ordered into confinement two of the four principal Ministers, and also a batch of Princes, some twenty of whom deprived of liberty, to facilitate the coup d'etat. The Constitution was thus strangled in its infancy, and Burmah reverts to despotism. be Ministers who engineered the Constitution to ourb the abs: lutism of the Crown had no force, moral or physical, to ensure its permanency. The mass of the people are anthetic Burmah is destitute of public opinion." These are the words in which Archibald Forbes described the position of affairs after his visit to Mandalay. The despotic rule continued for some time without any harm coming of it. Then we hear of the murders. It has been advanced that the new councillors of the King urged him to commit these enormities; but it is likewise commonly believed among Europeans in Mandalay that the real and secret instigator of the massacres is the Kenwoon Mongyee, the man who has been, since the late King's death, posing as the reformer and the enlightened minister. Having been the chief means of raising Theebaw to the throne, he feared that the succession of any one of the other princes would naturally lead to his own death, and Theebaw having apparently resolved to run through his term of life soon, the wily Burmese thought he would On the same subject the St. Louis Re- to mention the author." The result is a | be safer were all the prices, and competitors for the thone sent to another world, This was accordingly done; the details our

> readers are only too familiar with, And now England appears upon the scene. The massacre of the royal family of Ava, and the existence of, or probability of, dieturbance which that unhappy step indicated, naturally produced in the public mind a feeling of insecurity. An exposition of the views of the Government on the circumstances then arising has been placed in the hands of the Rangoon Gazette, from which we have condemed the above narrative, and it asserts that all that has been done is "purely presautionary and defensive measure, which the requirements of the position rendered eminently necessary, but which, owing to the previous agitation of the public mind and to a certain credulity and fonduess for hearing and repeating news among the sative population, has been exposed to some extent in some quarters to misconception and misrepresentation. I seems advisable, therefore, that it should be plainly understood that the reports of the intended despatch of a British envoy to Mandalay, and the delivery of an ultimatum to the Burmese Government, are absolutely unfounded. The attitude of the British Government is strictly one of repose and defeace, watchful, it may be, but still defense. It desires no rupture and will permit none, unless such a rupture be brought about by overt acts of insult or aggression."

Of course as long as the present condition of things exists the pursuit of commerce cannot be carriedon. If we are to believe a Chinaman who has just come down from Mandalay, says the Gazette, a number of Chinese dealers or merchants who went to the palace to claim their dues were ordered by the King to be put in confinement and they would have av ered this treatment had not one of the ministers pointed out the impolitic character of this measure and its injurious effect upon the trade of the country. And apart from this particular instance it is very aptly and forcibly put by our contemporary who says:-So long as the situation of the two countries is that of two men watching each other with ready cocked and loaded rifles, we lear there will be little disposition on the part of bassar dealers to enter upon larger transactions or to give

Burmah, It is comforting, while we are receiving Reuter's telegrams that all is quiet, to read in the Rangoon papers of corresponding date that recent arrivals from the goldencity state as a matter of fact that the Eing repeated, in the middle March, on a somewhat smaller scale, the amocities of the previous month, among the victims being his the Pugan Men, several dowager Queens, letters from the Cape are given in the princesses, and ex Ministers. Our World; contemporary aks, and very reasonably | Cotewayo, the Zulu king, is as merciles Barbe and Phayre, any longer in Man- his golden eagles. As brave as a lion, he dalay ! Are we leaving them in Mandalay will fight until he dies ; and if he only sees

Upper Burmah, sacrificing pay and profits, put up with.' is in itself a most algnificant fact, which may be said to foreshadow coming events. To-day (April 4th) is, we believe, says the Rangoon Gazette, to be the day of Theebaw's coronation. It was only the other day that come into Mandalay to do homage to King Theebay, and certainly he did not object without reason, for we now hear that

> Police Intelligence. (Before Mr Creagh, Magistrate.) Thursday, April 24.

A case of some importance was com menced yesterday, and continued to-day in which Chun A-I, a widow, was coarged with unlawfully taking one Loung Ayung, a spinster, away from this Colony, for the they purpose of prostitution; and further with unlawfully recoiving and harbouring one U Aman, another woman, knowing that she had been purchased for the purpose of

prostitution. Mr Dennys appeared for the accused. It appears from the evidence of Leung Ayung, that she was 18 years of age, and unmarried. On the 20th Ostober last, she was gold to a woman named Yi Nai, and in December last re sold to the prisoner for \$195. She was then brought to Hongk ng and was asked if she would like to go to alifornia; she said she would. She was handed a paper and told that when the Harbour Master's people questioned her she was to say that she was a married woman and that she wished to go to California to join her husband. "he did as she was instructed as she feared, she said, that she would be kept in a dark room by the people of the office, if she refused. had been told that such would evitably be the result of her refusal. The accused had never threa ened here She embarked on board the steamer Belgie, accompanied by two men, and the accused. On reaching California one of the men went on shore whilst the woman (Lourg Ayun remained on board. An interpretor came eniog asw eds eredw b was dan brace no she had been taught the answers to the questions which would be asked, but had forgotten them She should have said that she was going to jain her husband. She was taken to the Custom House, the ca to a school, and subsequently was sent back here. On arriving here she was taken care of at the Tung Wah Hospital, and then laid the information which led to

the arrest of the accused. In reply to Mr Dennys she admitted that she knew she was intended to become prostitute. She had been told the name and address she was to give as that of her busband. She had express da wish to be narried, and did not wish to become a concubine.

U Amu, the other woman, was examined to-Hay, her evidence being corroborative of of Leung Ayung's; and His worship said that be considered there was sufficient evidence to shew that a certain amount of coercion had been used, by the defendant, to compel the women to go to California, although they were apparently consenting parties; he would therefore send the case for trial at the Supreme Court, but admitted the accused to bail.

Carl Langkelete and Erik Christiansen Eriksen, seamen Danish ship Flensborg, were each fined 50 couts for being found drunk and incapable.

Leong Aman, a bricklayer, was fined \$10 in default fourteen days' hard labour, and to be exposed in the stocks for six hours, for indecent behaviour on the hill side before some women.

Chun Atso, a fisherman, war fined \$2 for being found loitering in the Naval Yard for a supposed unlawful purpose. Li Akum, a shoemaker, was fined \$2 for being found in one of the Rooms at Wel-

lington Barracks for an unlawful purpose, Wan Asam and Chu Aki, shop coolles, were charged with causing an obstruction in the Queen's Road Central, and endangering the life of Mr William Legge, broker, by frightening his pony.

Mr William Legge, sworn, stated that he was driving along the Queen's Road and in pulling up opposite the shop of Sam Hing, the tailor, the defendants, who were carrying a basket of earthenware jars, were called to to get out of the way; but, instead of doing so, they dropped what they were carrying in front of the pony, and ran away themselves.-The pony (continued witness was very much frightened, and had not had him well in hand an accident must have happened. I arrested the defendants, and handed them over to Inspector Cameron. I bring this case for ward as a trial case, as my business necessitates my driving about a good deal, and what with stone-masons' trucks and coolies, it is almost impossible to get through the streets. I nearly ran over a woman the other day, or rather she nearly made me

run over here His Worship said that, as the defendants credit, as is their wont, to people in Upper had broken their jars, he thought they were sufficiently punished, but he would caution them to be more careful in the future, as they not only lost their property but endangered their own lives, as well as the lives of persons whose business required them to drive through the streets.

## THE ZULU WAR.

The following extracts from private

THE OPIUM FARMS OF HONGKONG AND SINGAPORE. (Straits Times.)

Mr Pope Bonnessy, whatever may be said

of his policy in other matters, has certainly

been successful in placing the Hongkong. finances in a more satisfactory condition than that in which he found them; and in the matter of the Opium Farm, the increase in rental is, we believe, almost entirely due to his personal efforts. Aware of the clique into whose hands the farm had fallen, and of the difficulty of getting local men to bid against them, he look measures to invite competition from outside, with the result, as we have seen, of an increase of revenue from this source of \$73,000 per annum. As soon as the fact became known that there were outside competitors for the farm, and that a heavy advance was likely to be offer d for it, there were the usual prophecies of failure and bankruptcy befalling the new bidders, and ultimate loss to the Government But, whatever may be the result to the farmers, Mr Hennessy has taken care that the treasury of the Colony will be well protected. Not only has he taken guarantee bond for \$50,000 from responsible | "Who knows the inscrutable design? sureties, but he has insisted on the deposit by the farmers themselves of \$100,000 in cash as security for the due fulfilment by them of their contract. In point of fact he has obtained—two thirds in cash, one third in bond—security for nine months' revenue. We are not adverting to the above merely in congratulation of Hongkong and Mr Pope Hennessy. Without desiring, even by implication, to cast doubt on the responsibility of the present ho'ders, we would ask the Executive of this Colony what securities they hold as against the collapse of any one of our farms here? So far as we are aware, they hold none, except the personal bonds of the farmers and three sureties, who may themselves be fairly presumed to have an interest in the farms. True, the reutals of the farms are paid monthly in advance; but, supposing that at the close of the month; the farmer were to throw up his contract—either from inability to carry it on or otherwise-in what position would our Executive be placed, for reading him, as you do for reading Scott; and what could they do to prevent almost nor the more free, as you do for resding irreparable damage to the revenue? The question is more easily asked than answered; but there is no doubt, the position your knowledge of the weaknesses and inwould be a most critical, if not indeed a sincerities of human nature is greatly enmost helpless one. Take a large farm like larged-that your hope of subduing those the Opium farm, which here in Singapore | weaknesses and insincerities is greatly dimibrings a reatal of \$34,000 per month, or nished-and that your pity for every one, \$408,000 per annum. What could the Executive do in case of a collapse? It

would probably find recourse against the

sureties difficult or impossible. It could

not take the farm into its own hands, for

it has no knowledge of its working and no

officers to work it if it had. - It might close

the opium shops and suspend the sale of

the drug altogether; but this could only be

done at the risk of a gigantic riot and

would in any case rob the Colony for the

time of its chief source of income. Probably,

he best course to adopt would be to put

the farm up to sale again with the least

possible delay; but any Chinese Kongsi,

capable of undertaking the farm, would not

be blind to the distress in which the Government was placed, nor fail to make their own terms, and probably secure the farm at so greatly reduced a reduced a rental as seriously to affect the finances of the Colony. The case we have put is, of course, a supposititions one, and must not be taken to infer any want of confidence in the present holders of our farms, in whom the Colony has, so far, been fortunate; but, though suppositious, the case is quite a possible one. It may be remembered that about nine years ago something very much like a collapse of the Opium and Spirit Farms did take place here; and those who read our translations from the Java papers will know that twice within a comparatively short period the Samarang Opium Farm has had to be resold by the Dutch Government on account of the insolvency of two successive farmers. It must be borne in mind too that there is a great temptation to men of sauguine temperament to adventure upon our excise farms. From the signs of wealth surrounding many of the persons who have rented them, they have come to be looked upon as sure and easy roads to fortune, and securing moreover a certain social status of which nearly all Chinamen are more or less ambitious, and we must therefore expect that not only will men of means really limited compete for them as long as the security required is so unsubstantial, but they will strain every nerve and exhaust every source to uphold them, and if a collapse did take place, the Government would come into possession of empty coffers and probably find the revenue of the farms anticipated for some months by forced sales. We think therefore our Executive would do well to imitate Mr Hennessy in the matter of precaution, and insist on a cash deposit equal, as in Hongkong, to at least six months' rental. It is the only satis. factory assurance Government can accept,

THE WEAKNESS OF DICKENS AND

nor would its deposit press heavily on men

really wealthy enough to undertake such

responsible contracts as are involved in the

leasing of our excise farms. ---

THACKERAY. Besides the uprightness of the moral ideal which a novelist holds up, and the impression he gives you that the power of more or less approaching that ideal, is or is not within the reach of such men and women as he chooses to sketch, one must ask concerning a novelist, if one does regard him as a moralist at all, whether or not the tone of sentiment he introduces is manly, simple, and healthy, or whether it be, on the contrary, morbid, excited, and relaxing. Judged by this text, we should not accord either to Dickens or to Thackeray unlimited praise. Dickens teaches people to gloat over their own natural feelings of sympathy, or pity, or even of mere personal love, as if they were positive merits, and merits of no mean order. To shed tears when one is corry, to enjoy the power of helping those for whom we feel compassion, or even to feek glad and bashful or glad and proud when personal love is returned, seems to be 13. Vigilant, in Mr Dickens's eyes a miracle of virtue. We doubt whether Dickens has not done | 23, Monte Ross. almost as much harm by conveying the 23, G. C. Trufant. impression that men who feel sweet and kind feelings become, as it were, by the very fact, benefactors to their race, and entitled to claim the benediction of Heaven, as he has done good by holding up avarice and profligacy and cruckly to hatred and

He, more than any writer of employment of writers, £2,782 (£2,770); raid organised in the same manner as that entitled into the palace, where they residents of Mandalay—men sharp at read- When I tell you that the Zulus have 60,000 our age, has elevated "gushing" into a gas, £100(£100); allowance in lieu of sta- which lately happened in Hongkong, but is were with a few exceptions, put in irons, and the temper fighting men, armed with the Martini and virtue; and gushing is so far from being a virtue, that it may be said to be the preparation for a vice. There is no reticence, or manliness, or even in a spiritual sense, modesty in the tone of Mr Dicken's sentiment; and so far, at least, his novels, however excellent their practical morality, have been really injurious to the age. And though no one could properly bring this charge, in the same form, against Thackeray, yet in some sense he, too, has popularised, amongst the class which reads him, an unmanly tone of sentiment. An almost Oriental resignation to an inscrutable Power, an emotion touched with despair, is the emotion which pervades his novels. As it is in that touching poem of his with which he closes his ballads, so in his works generally, he can get little beyond this:-"And if, in time of sacred youth,

We learned at home to love and pray, Pray Heaven that early Love and Truth

May never wholly pass away." The "wholly" in that last line is the keynote we may say, of such a book as "Pendennis." That "early love and truth" will. as a general rule; pass away in great measure, Thackeray, as a man of the world. hardly questions. He hopes almost against hope that there may be a remnant-a small remnant-of it left to the last. And his submission to destiny is almost prostration :-

Blessed be He who took and gave ! Why should your mother, Charles, not mine Be weeping at her darling's grave We bow to heaven that willed it so. That darkly rules the fate of all. That sends the respite or the blow, That's free to give or to recall.

This crowns the feast with wins and wit Who brought him to that mith and state? His betters see, below him sit, Or hunger hopeless at the gate

Who bade the mud from Dives' wheel To spurn the rags of Lazarus? Come, brother, in that dust we'll kneel. Confessing Heaven that ruled it thus.

That seems to us nearly the highest note that Thackeray touches, a note which is usually blended with net a little cynicism and bifterness; and even this is hardly a healthy. cortainly not an invigorating or hopeful note. Thackeray's sentiment is exquisitely refined, but it is softening, relaxing, and never bracing. You do not feel the more manly Miss Bronte; nor the more just, as son do for reading George Eliot. You feel that yourself included, is deeper. But that is hardly the feeling with which a great novelist, who was also a great moralist, should send you away .- Speciator.

### Quotations.

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HE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the Chinese Mail, 学日報 (Wah Tsze Yat Po), CEASED from the 1st August, 1877.

CHUN AYIN. Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

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STEAM FOR BINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH AMPTON, AND LONDON; VIA BOMBAY.

BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND AUSTRALIA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship NIZAM, Captain A, E. BARLOW, will leave this on TUESDAY, the 6th May, at

Noon. Tea and General Cargo for London will be conveyed vid Bombay without tranship-ment, arriving one week later than by the Breet route. Silk and Valuables will be transferred to the Calcutta steamer at

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STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, BUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSEILLES;

> ALBO. AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON TUESDAY, the 29th April, 1879, PEIHO, Commandant PARQUALINI, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the

above places. Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marsellles for the principal places of Europe. Shipping Orders will be granted until

OGETHER OR SEPARATELY. Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 28th April, 1879. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office. G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Hongkong, April 21, 1879.

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE STATES AND EUROPE,

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UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING BAILROAD COMPANIES

ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. OCEANIC will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on SATURDAY, May 3rd, 1879, at 3 taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States, Mexico, Central and South America, and Europe. Connection is made at Yokohama, with

Steamers from Shanghai. Breight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 2nd May. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-Consular Invoices to accompany Overland, Mexican, Central and South American Cargo, should be sent to the Company's

Offices addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco. For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central. H. M. BLANCHARD,

Acting Agent. Hongkong, April 15, 1879.

U. S. MAIL LINE. PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUGHING

AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO. THE U. S. Mall Steamer ALASKA

will be despatched for San Francisco, vis Yokohama, on \_\_\_\_, the April, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

sportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States via Overland Rallways, to Havana, Trinidad, and to the nett amount of Premia contributed Demerars, and to ports in Mexico, Central by each, the remaining third being carried and South America by the Company's and to Reserve Fund.

connecting Steamers. Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers. On Through PASSAGES to EUROPE,

a REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER CENT from Regular Rates is granted to OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY, AND MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AND CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMIS.

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Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco. For further information as to Passage

and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Jompany, No. 9, Prays Central. RUSSELL & Co . Agents.

Hongkong, April 16, 1879

Insurances. ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

TETHE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant In-Burances at current rates. MELCHERS & Co.,

Agents, Royal Insurance Company. Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

swiss Lloyd TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY OF WINTERTHUR.

HE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, have This Day taken over charge of the Hongkong Agency, and are prepared to grant. IMBURANCE On MARINE RISKS at Current Rates to all parts of the World,

MEYER & Co. Hongkops, February 10, 1679,

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QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Pollcles against Fire to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premia.

NORTON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE

COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE-HONGKONG. GENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of

A China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang. Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES. JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

HE Undersigned having been appointed Agenta for the above Corporation are ap29 prepared to grant Insurances as follows:--Marine Department. Policies at current rates payable either

here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia. Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20 % allowed. Life Department. Policies issued for sums not exceeding

£5,000 at reduced rates. HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSUR-ANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS in Hongkong for the abovenamed Company, are prepared to Grant POLICIES against FIRE on Buildings and on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the usual Rates, subject to an immediate Discount of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable reduction in Premia for Life Insurance in MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 18, 1878. NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE

INSURANCE COMPANY. Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000. THE Undersigued, Agents at Hongkon, for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the

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GILMAN & Co., Agents,

Hongkong, July 6, 1875. CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

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DOLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. Through Bills of Lading issued for tran- In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit, are distributed annually to Contributorss whether Shareholders or not, in proportion Victor Emanuel...... 6 h British

J. BRADLEE SMITH, Secretary.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878. LANCASHIRE INSURANCE

COMPANY. (FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL, TWO MILLIONS STEELING, THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on

Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions. Proposals for Life Assurances will be recelved, and transmitted to the Directors

for their decision. If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,

Agents, Hongkong & Canton. Hongkong, January 4, 1867. MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE

COMPANY OF

MANCHESTER AND LONDON. ESTABLISHED 1824. Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling

of which is paid up £ 100,000 ,, Reserve Fund upwards of £ 120,000 Annual Income THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Honekong, Canton, Foothow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant

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Insurances at corrent rates, HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkops, October 15, 1868,

# Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked h., near the Kowloong shore k., and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked c., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

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